

## CHRISTIAN LIVING

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

"Walk worthily of your calling"

Christian living obviously can be applied only to Christians. How can an unbeliever live a Christian life? To live a Christian life, one must have life in Jesus' name.

Scripture admonishes believers in Christ to live as becomes a child of God. It is emphasized again here, that in Christian conduct, we are to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Christians may be different in many respects; have different opinions on many questions, belong to different church bodies, and differ in regard to forms of worship. But in heart and mind they are all one; poor sinners saved by grace and united in love to Christ and to the saints. The Holy Spirit dwelling in their hearts is the bond of union.

In order to keep this unity Paul exhorts them to walk with all lowliness and meekness. Humility is the root from which springs forth a life in unity and peace. A lowly, humble spirit is most fitting for poor sinners who have been saved by grace alone. Nothing is more important in the life of the Church than that humility of spirit and lowliness of mind which thinks little of self and gives preference to others. Nothing has done more harm in the church than a proud spirit.

With lowliness follows meekness, which is not eager to have its own way, but is willing to step back that other brethren may have their way. Longsuffering is another, a willingness to endure patiently insults and injuries forbearing one another in love. This is the foundation for a blessed life in unity and in love in the church.

The one body, of which Christ is the head and each believer a member is the Christian Church, the communion of saints. The Spirit of God is the soul of the church body. Without the Spirit of God the Church is dead; as a body is dead when the soul has left it.

The unity of believers rests upon a strong foundation: One Lord, one faith, one baptism. True believers are one in Christ, as the body is one organism because connected with the head, and the tree because the branches are connected with the stem. Only those who are in Christ can truly live a Christian life.

These are also of one faith. There is only one kind of saving faith, trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. By this faith all believers have been united with Christ. There is only one kind of Christian baptism, that which Christ instituted, the baptism into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. By this baptism we became children of God and members of His church. Through baptism God met us with His grace, and we received His grace by faith and were in this way united with His body. All Christians came through this door into the fellowship of Christ, into His Church.

Individuals having experienced life in Christ in this way, may think to live a Christian life. G. E. M.

### While He is There

If I did not see that the Lord kept watch over the ship, I should long since have abandoned the helm. But I see Him through the storm, strengthening the tackling, handling the yards, spreading the sails — yes, more, commanding the very winds! Should I not be a coward if I abandoned my post? Let Him govern, let Him carry us forward, let Him hasten or delay, we will fear nothing for He is there!—Martin Luther.

## Pastor and Mrs. H. L. Urness Married Fifty Years

On August 29, 1947, Pastor and Mrs. H. L. Urness of Calgary, observed their golden wedding anniversary. Humbly grateful for their fifty years together they were made happy by visits from members of their family and many greetings received from their friends. Both are enjoying good health. Though Pastor Urness is retired from the active ministry in which he served for 43 years, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church, he still occasionally substitutes for the Lutheran pastors in Calgary.

Pastor Henry L. Urness was married on August 29, 1897, to Miss Mattie Brusven at Cottonwood, Minnesota. There are six children living and 14 grandchildren. The children are Edgar (Lutheran pastor) Milnor, N. Dakota; Bertha (Mrs. Doxee) Regina, Sask.; Albert, Regina; Lillian (Mrs. Wormworth) Lazare, Man.; Harold of Calgary; and Mary (Mrs. McNutt) Winnipeg.

Pastor H. L. Urness served parishes at Grantsburg, Wisconsin; Millar, Iowa; Buchanan, Sask.; Preeceville, Sask.; Valvorton, Minn.; Maynard, Minn.; Regina, Sask.; Winnipeg, Man.; Cabri, Sask.; Bulyea, Sask. They retired in 1943 to live in Winnipeg and in 1944 moved to Calgary.

Pastor Edgar Urness and his wife and family of Milnor, North Dakota, and Mary (Mrs. McNutt), and her three boys of Winnipeg, together with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Urness and son honored their parents at a family gathering on Sunday, August 17, presenting them with a dinner set. The Sharon Lutheran Congregation (Danish) of Calgary, surprised the Urnesses on Sunday, August 24, presenting them with a Toastmaster.

On Friday, August 29, Trinity Lutheran Church, Calgary, honored the golden wedding couple with a recep-



Pastor H. L. Urness and Mrs. Urness

tion in the church parlors. A program consisting of hymn singing, duets, recitation and greetings was presented. Greetings were read and gifts presented from former congregations of Pastor Urness. Pastor G. J. Ostrem was present to express appreciation from the Canada District for the work the Urnesses have faithfully done in their lifetime.

A three-tiered wedding cake decorated the table and many beautiful summer flowers adorned the room. A token of remembrance for the occasion from the congregation was a gold covered vase and a purse of money. The gifts were given by two children of the congregation dressed as bride and groom, Carol Hoines and Arden Melsness.

We pray God's blessings on Pastor and Mrs. Urness, wishing them good health and much happiness, and rich experiences of grace and peace in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Galen Morstad.

## Topics of Interest

### INTO THE GOPHER HOLE OR OUT

Many folks seem to have their Christianity mostly in memories of the past. Suggest to them that they ought to come to church and you may be told how faithful their departed father and mother were in their church attendance. Ask them if they have a family altar in their home, and you will probably be told how regularly the Bible and the old devotional book was used in their childhood home. Try to get a choir started and you may be informed of the wonderful choir and director they had in olden days. Try to enlist the parents' support for better work in the confirmation class and you may be surprised to find how much and how thorough was the knowledge required of the confirmants "when I was young." One man even told me they had to know the New Testament by heart. Ask them if they are living with Christ as Savior and Lord now, and you may be informed what an exemplary Christian mother they had. When they start their reminiscences it reminds me of a gopher slipping into his hole. He remains there safely hidden until you go away. Reminiscence seems to be a means many use to avoid facing the issue of their own personal and present relationship to God. Thank God for blessed memories, but how tragic to turn them into a gopher hole in which we hide from a Savior Who seeks and calls us.

But, thank God, there are also those who permit these blessed memories to awaken them to a realization of their present need and hopeless condition apart from Christ. Memories of past blessings are permitted to draw them out from the gopher hole of sin to an experienced salvation and a blessed reinstatement in the household of God. Like the prodigal of old they are spurred to the resolve, "I will arise and go to my Father."

A golden past—most of us have one. Do not make it a gopher hole in which to hide from God and His call, but let it be a means in the hand of God to draw you out of the gopher hole of sin into a future golden with God's blessed eternity.

A. K. H.

Word and prayer. "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teachings and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." And it was as they were thus gathered that they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They had set hours of prayer. The Word was God's communication to them, spoken by the Holy Spirit. And in prayer they "lifted up their voices to God."

Their ministry was also one of Word and prayer. They gave themselves to the "ministry of the Word and continued steadfastly in prayer." Wherever they went they preached the Word, for it was the "Word of Life" which men "believed and were saved."

Many other characteristics could be cited but space will not permit. Let these characteristics be evident in our lives also today and it will make for more effective work in the Kingdom of God. God help us to have such a sense of divine compulsion; to have such a spirit of willing and glad sacrifice; to have such a sense of dependence on the Holy Spirit, as we faithfully seek Him in Word and prayer and witness for Him.

This article was printed on page two of a former issue of the Shepherd and the name of the writer was omitted. Since we desire that this series be complete so that each circuit be represented, and since this article is timely, it is included in this issue.

## Power For This Hour

### CHARACTERISTICS OF EARLY CHRISTIANS

By PASTOR HENRY HAUGEN

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What was it that made the early Christians so effective in the spreading of the gospel? We may well note what these characteristics were and by the grace of God seek incorporate them in our lives so that we also may be more effective in the work of His Kingdom.

First, we note that the early Christians possessed a sense of divine compulsions—the spirit of the Master, who said, "I must." They saw the mighty urgency of their mission. This was born on the day of Pentecost when in desperation for their souls' salvation they cried, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Salvation became a matter of life or death with them. This spirit remained with them as they became concerned about the lost souls around them. "Fear came upon every soul." "They could not but speak the things which they saw and heard." Therefore they preached with all boldness. Nothing could thwart them—severe persecution of imprisonment and torture. Nothing could keep them from speaking the Words of Life. The eternal welfare of souls depended on it. This divine compulsion caused them to preach under all circumstances, both early and late—"at daybreak," for the truth had gripped their hearts that there was salvation in none other than Jesus Christ; "that there was none other name under heaven given among men, whereby man must be

saved." With such fervency in preaching they, in a few days, "filled Jerusalem" with their teachings. There was a working "while it was yet day" with these early Christians, for it was urgent.

Another characteristic we note among these early Christians was their willingness to sacrifice in their tender concern for the welfare of others. From the beginning, "they sold their possessions and parted them to all, according as each one had need." No sacrifice was too great, no price too high to pay, only that man might enjoy the fruits of the gospel.

Then again we note their sole dependence upon the Holy Spirit. They claimed the promised power of the Holy Spirit and lived and worked thereby. Everything that they did was in relation to what the Holy Spirit could do through them. No one could witness apart from Him. Being "full of the Spirit" was a divine requirement. They prayed for the Holy Spirit for them that had not received Him. His presence was an indication of divine approval. When He directed them, with implicit faith, obeyed. All depended on the Holy Spirit.

The last characteristic we are going to note is their diligent use of the Word and prayer. First in relation to their own spiritual welfare and then in relation to their mission. Among the early Christians there was an urgent need of gathering together in



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### THE WORKER'S INSTITUTE

In the last issue of the Shepherd we had something to say about the Christian Worker's Institute held at Christopher Lake, especially the study related to Evangelism.

This Institute is the first of its kind in our district. Since it differs from the ordinary Bible Camp it still has its special appeal for attendance. There were three classes in the forenoon. The first, much like at any Bible Camp, was the Bible Study by Dr. R. Boyd. This was a study of the book of Jonah. Following this was a topic aimed at a higher age level than the ordinary Bible Camp. In this class Dr. Storaasli centred his hour on the topic "Sanctification in Relation to Evangelism." The third class was Teacher's Training under the direction of Miss Della Olson of the Christian Education office in Minneapolis. The open forum periods held in the afternoon by various leaders became a clearing house for new and improved methods in general church work and teaching work.

The evenings were as the usual camp schedule only differing in this, that before the evening service there was a well selected presentation of visual aids in slides, film strip and talkie film. Biblical truths and lessons were reverently portrayed. This suggested avenues of approach in teaching that would make use of the "eye-gate" avenue that is said to result in a large percentage of impartation and retention.

We believe that such Institutes should be held each year—perhaps one in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta. It draws together workers who are already serving as Sunday School teachers, Luther League and L.D.R. workers and leaders, and helps them to render more efficient service. The ones who attended this first Institute, we are sure, are unanimous in this, that the week at Christopher was profitable.

### Harvest, Threshing and Sunday

The harvest and threshing season is at hand. Due to the lateness of the season this year, some folks will be tempted to break the Third Commandment of God: "Remember the Sabbath day; to keep it holy" by harvesting and threshing on Sundays. But God gave His law for our protection. Anyone who breaks it, shows that he scorns God and will in turn break himself. God's mills grind slowly but surely. God gave us Sunday, the Day of the resurrection of His Son to be a day of rest for the body and to make regular public worship possible. This has brought us—including those who rarely or never worship, physical and social blessings. A wise man keeps Sunday holy by showing respect for the preaching of

### UNITED MISSION ADVANCE

The next issue of the Shepherd will give a large portion of its space to publicity for the concerted effort of our church in the great purpose in strengthening our Home and Foreign Mission program.

## Current News

Evangelist Lokken conducted services in the Parkside parish and the Lord gave great blessings.

Howie Olson and his brother, Albert, taught parochial school in Immanuel and Concordia congregations in July. They also conducted services.

A Mission Festival was held August 3 at Fur Lake. At this festival Mr. Henry Hotvedt told his and Mrs. Hotvedt's experiences as missionaries in Java. They were interned first by the Japs and then by the Indonesians, spending over three years in various camps. Mr. Hotvedt's parents are members of Shell Lake congregation. A good mission offering was received.

Immanuel and Concordia Ladies' Aids each gave \$25 towards furnishing the new kitchen at the new Seminary.

Calgary, Trinity Lutheran Church, Galen Morstad, pastor. A new altar painting was dedicated at the morning service, Sunday, September 7. The Rev. H. L. Urness brought the message and unveiled the painting. "Christ in Gethsemane" by Hoffman is the subject on the canvas. It was painted by Klagstad Studios, Minneapolis. September 7 was also Rally Day for the Sunday School and in the evening a Pocket Testament League program was presented.

### OBITUARY

#### Mrs. Sigrid Veltikold

Mrs. Sigrid Veltikold was born in Drammen, Norway, July 13, 1859. She came to Canada and was one of the early settlers in the Dina District McLaughlin, Alta. She died August 29, 1947, at the age of 88 years, one month and 16 days. Her husband, Halvor and two sons, Gilbert and Odin, have gone before. She leaves to mourn her departure three sons, five daughters, 29 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted at the Zion Lutheran Church near McLaughlin, Alberta. Pastor H. T. Egedahl and Student Pastor Arne Berstad spoke at the service.

#### Mrs. Lina Iversen

Lina Jensen Iversen was born in Namdalen, Norway, July 22, 1865. On June 3, 1886, she was united in marriage to Lars Iversen. Immigrated to Sloan, Iowa, in 1887. Here they lost their only child, Samuel. Moved to Canada in 1906 and homesteaded near Ogema, Saskatchewan. Mrs. Iversen died suddenly August 23 without suffering or pain. She was 82 years old. She was a faithful member of St. Olaf Congregation, Viceroy, from the very beginning. She was highly respected in home and community. Mr. and Mrs. Iversen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary a little over a year ago.

Pastor M. A. Streiestol conducted the funeral service on August 26. Blessed be her memory.

God's Word, gladly hearing and learning it. A wise person so uses Sunday that he becomes spiritually and physically refreshed for his Monday morning work. To deliberately discard Sunday is the action of a fool. Let us be true, to ourselves, to our divine instincts. Let us not cripple our higher nature. Let us go into the house of the Lord and commune with our Creator and God and Father in whom we live and move and have our being. The punishment of a missused Sunday is a starved soul, a weakened body, loss of true joy. "Let us consider one another to **provoke unto love and good works**; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is" (Hebr. 10:24-25).

Break the moral Law and it breaks you!

## THANKSGIVING

B. F. M. SOURS

'Tis eventide. The quiet waters lay  
A glassy mirror of the fiery West,  
All fleece and gold and tender shades or  
rest,

The lullaby of the departing day.  
Upon the surface of the quiet bay,  
The toilers all the day had been in quest  
Of treasures—those to them that seemed  
the best—

And evening finds them singing on their way.  
'Tis not a day is gone; a year dies now.

'Twas like a lace of light, and shade, and  
gold,  
All interwoven by the Hand of Love.  
The hills were fire and copper, like the brow  
Of happiness, by numbered years grown  
old—  
O happy soul, give thanks to God  
above.

### S.L.B.I. CHRISTIAN WORKERS INSTITUTE

On the Lutheran Bible Camp grounds at Christopher Lake, S.L.B.I. held its first Bible Camp known as the Christian Workers' Institute, on Aug. 10-17. This camp was intended for the adult Christian workers in our congregations and we were happy to have an enrolment of 65 adults for most of the week with additional visitors over the weekend. A number of children accompanied their parents.

This week surely was a time when we came apart to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. To those in attendance the book of Jonah took on new meaning as Dr. R. H. Boyd of St. Paul, directed us into the truths of God's Word. Dr. Boyd pointed out that this book is indeed a book of "Power For This Hour." In it we see God's power over nature, the power of prayer and the power of God's Word. As Christian Workers we are to lay hold on this power.

The second class of the morning was a study on "Sanctification in Relation to Evangelism," presented in a keen and challenging way by Dr. O. K. Storassli. His thesis was that the evangelization of the world is held back by the human factor of unsanctified lives.

Our practical period was led by Miss Della Olson, editor of the revised "Sunday School at Home" courses. Miss Olson in a very capable way instructed us in better ways of teaching in the Sunday School room. She emphasized the need of having objectives and aims in order that we might focus the child's attention on Christ. The discussions during this period and also during the afternoon conference periods, brought out many helpful and challenging truths to Sunday School teachers.

Classes for the children were conducted by Doris Nelson and Clara Haugen. Pastor M. S. Johnson was in charge of the "Praise and Prayer" period each morning. He was assisted by Pastors Severtson, Knudson and Dahle.

The audio-visual presentation each evening was of keen interest to all. Mr. G. Loken, assisted by Richard Hettrick, presented many fine films such as three from the "Life of Paul" series, some beautiful Hymnologies, "The First Easter" and others. Mr. Loken also gave instruction on the use and the value of visual aids in the local congregations.

Each day was brought to a close with the vesper service conducted by Pastor A. M. Vinge. His gripping messages challenged all Christian Workers with the costliness of the Christian life; we have a costly Gospel; a costly home is prepared for us in Heaven; to look at the world is a costly vision—a vision which calls Christian Workers to action.

The healing, cleansing, compelling and sustaining touch of the Master was felt at this Workers' Institute. The searching Word of God, as brought by the various teachers and speakers, led campers to confession of sin for carelessness and indifference, and to a determination, by God's

grace, to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and go forward with Christ into His harvest field.

C. A. H.

## Alaska

This vast land of Alaska is a land of great material wealth, but spiritually, it is as poor as the proverbial church mouse. Little spiritual help has been received from the great "outside," and that, together with the lack of its own Christian leadership, has left a black mark on Alaska.

High schools are few and far between. Many of our young people in isolated places have no opportunity to continue their education beyond the eighth grade. To attend high school, the young people from Naknek, as well as from many other places, find it necessary to go to Anchorage or to the States. In Anchorage they have to pay from \$85 to \$100 a month for room and board. Very few can afford that. Instead they stay home, idle all year except for the short fishing season during the summer.

A Christian school, where young people can get an education plus a Christian background, at a reasonable price, seems to constitute the challenge for us today. Dare we face so great a challenge?

Prior to 1844 eleven religious denominations had established missions in Alaska. With the development of the Territorial and Federal school systems, there has been a gradual withdrawal of mission schools. The Presbyterians, Episcopalian, Catholic and Seventh Day Adventists still maintain such schools. Where are we (Lutherans)?

One young lady, who spent part of the winter here in Naknek, told us that she had never attended school. She had been taught by her father at home, and, of course, there was much in her education that was lacking. She had never heard about the Bible. Christ was a foreign name to her, except as she had heard it numberless times in cursing. She attended our services regularly, and after a Sunday evening service she asked, "What can I do to be a Christian?" Had her father been a "native," we would perhaps not have thought it strange that she had no Christian background, but such is not the case. As a young man, he left his home in Sweden, and came to this land of adventure to seek his fortune. Many of our stalwart Scandinavians came from Christian homes in the Old Country, but in their eagerness to "make their stake" they have forgotten God.

When we were discussing the work of the church here a few days ago, one of the men said, "It's too bad that this work wasn't started forty years ago. Now many of our young people have grown up, and they are lost to the church."

The needs of the young people in Alaska ought to challenge Christians everywhere to pray, to give, and to go. Perhaps God is calling some of you Luther Leaguers "to go." Will you heed His call?

Your co-workers in Alaska,  
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Joh. 10:11

# Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

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Den gode Hyrde setter sit  
liv til for faarene.  
Joh. 10:11

## RYDDER VEIEN FOR FOLKET

Esaias 62:10

Men jg har det imot dig at du har mistet din første kjerlighed. Dette ord er fra Herren til en mand som var innsat til forstander for menigheten i Efesus. At Apostelen ikke hadde veret for snar til at legge henderne paa ham—sat ham for tidlig ind i dette embede, inden hand endnu hadde lert ham at kjende, kan vi vere forvisset om. Han var uden tvil den gang en høit benaadet broder, som av den hele forsamling og av apostelen med, ja av herren selv, kaaredes til hyrde og tilsynsmand for hin menighet. Han levde den gang i sin kjerlighed, beviste denne i sin Guds-frygt og var et mønster for hjorden.

Der gaar en tid. Menigheten kan ikke forstaa at dens forstander et blit anderledes nu end tidligere. Det maa vere de mere aarvaakne og prøvede som skal ha merket eller ant noget. I det store og hele neres der ingen frygt for ham. Fremdelses lever han et helligt liv, viser en from vandel, er opofrende og nidkjer i arbeidet for sin menighet, viser stor taalmodighet, hater og bestraffer synden baade hos sig selv og andre idet han ønsker kirketugt i sin menighet. Han besidder aanden til at prøve andre og slipper ingen ind i sin forsamling som løgnagtige gir sig ut for at vere apostler. Endvidere sier Herren til ham: Du har utstaat meget og har taalmodighet og du har arbeidet for mit navns skyld og er ikke blit tret. En anden egenskap tillegger Herren ham at han hatet Nikolaiternes gjerninger som Herren ogsaa hatet. Dette slags folk vilde forene kjødets frihet med aanden og lerte at man godt kunde tjene Gud med aanden og samtidig tjene synden og verden med kjødet.

Likesaalidt som Gud kunde fordage disse menneskers gjerninger likesaalidt kunde menighetsforstanderen gjøre det. Hvad er da i veien, hvad er det som er foregaaet med dette engang saa elskelige Guds barn siden Herren sender ham dette vekende ord. Kom derfor ihu hvad du er falden ifra og gjør de første gjerninger. Men hvis ikke, sa kommer jeg over dig of vil flytte din lysestake fra det sted hvis du ikke omvender dig.

Ja se nu her hvorledes det kan gaa til at en fremragende, høit anset, og for sit arbeide utad i Guds rike navnkundig kristen, kan miste det som er Kristendommens egentlige liv, aand og vesen, nemlig den første kjerlighet. Et eksempel der kan anskueliggjøre dette forhold for os; Tenk dig et helt igjennem lykkelig egteskap bygget paa inderlig kjerlighet og hengivenhet. Der er hjerte mot hjerte. I begyndelsen av egteskapet er kjerligheten den drivende beveggrund til alt hvad hustruen gjør for sin mand og omvendt. Med lyst og glede utfører hun sin gjerning først og sidst tenkende paa ham som er hendes kjereste av alle. Hun ønsker at vere alt for ham om mulig og kjerligheten driver hende dertil.

Imidlertid intruderer der nu en paa-faldende, og for hendes mand, høist bedrøvelige forandring i hendes forhold til ham. Hun gaar mere og mere op i sn husmoderlige pligter i husets stel, tilskyndet dertil av stigende intrasse for disse ting. Hendes tjenestiver og aarvaakenhet over pligterne hun har likeoverfor manden forsømmer hun vistnok ikke nu mere end før, men pligten, skyldigheten og ansvaret er det som nu er blit beveggrunden hertil—ikke som før, den personlige kjerlighet til egtefellen. Skulde ikke hendes mand føle trang til at tale et alvorsord med hende om

## En Lignelse Om Ydmykhet

17 s. etter tref.—Luk. 14:1-11

“For hver den seg selv ophøyer, skal fornedres, og den seg selv fornedrer, skal ophøyes.” Dette er slutten paa Jesu lignelse om ydmykhet som han talte til fariseerne. Han slutter paa samme maate minst to gange til. Det lyder nesten som et ordspraak—kort, fyndig, rammende, og samler som i en kort sum hovedlærdommen av det hele. Og ordet har festet seg hos disiplene. For i de apostoliske skrifter har vi gjenklagen i forskjellige vendinger, der vi alvaarlig formaner til ydmykhet etter Jesu eksempel, han som “fornedret seg selv og ble lydig inntil døden, ja, korsets død.” Derav forstaar vi at formaningen til selvfornedrelse har grepet dem dypt,—maatte den ogsaa gripe oss.

En vattersottig mann var like for Jesus da han kom inn i en av de øverste fariseeres hus for aa holde maaltid. Mannen led av en ødeleggende sykdom, men Jesus “tok” paa ham og helbredet ham. “Men Jesus fant hos gjestene i fariseerens hus en annen like saa farlig sykdom—hovmodet, selvophøyelsen, “da han la merke til hvorledes de valgte seg ut de øverste seter.” De holdt seg selv for aa være fortreffelige, aandelig frisk og sterk, slett ikke som andre mennesker. Men deres aandelige sundhet og styrke var bare et daarrende skin, deres fortreffelighet en løgn. Det ser vi tydelig av deres forhold under gjestebudet. De lurte paa Jesus fordi de hatet ham av et ondt hjerte. De hatet godheten, sannheten og kjærligheten! I hovmod og selv-syke søker de ut de verste plasser ved bordet. “Vekk med de andre, plass for oss.” I hannhet—slik taler mennesker som er den aandelige døds bytte.

Men er ikke denne innstillingen ogsaa et rystende bilde paa hele menneskelekten—paa oss? Hva finner Jesus hos meg og deg—han som med sitt gjennomtrengende, omenn medlidene blikk “legger merke til” oss som lever idag? Finner han aandelig vattersott? Hovmodet er grunnskaden fra det store fall. Vi er alle smittet av ham som ville gjøre seg selv til Gud. Derav kommer hovmodet—det hovne mot som søker seg selv i alt. Saa trakter du etter ros, anseelse. Blir herskesyk, misunnelig, full av bitterhet og fiendskap ved den minste fornermelse. Taler du sannhet, innbiller du deg aa være veldig “sannhetskjerlig.” Gaar det deg godt, skriver du det paa din fortreffelighets regning. Gaar det deg imot, saa knurrer du

denne sak? Jo visselig.

Det er noget lignende Herren vil ha sagt menighetsforstanderen i Efesus. Las os se hvad vor Herre siger: Før var min person og mit selskap det kjereste du visste. Da var det din legnesel og trang at ligge ved mine føtter som en fattig men benaadet synder og nyde frugten av mit arbeide for dig. Da gledet du dig i syndernes forladelse med en uutsigelig glede og denne glede var din styrke under utøvelsen av dine første gjerninger.—Nu derimot er dine gjerninger for mig blit dig mest om at gjøre. Jeg so mdin brudgom forsoner og talsmand er nu ikke saa uundverlig og dyrebar lenger som da vi fandt hinanden. Nei i din egen guds-frygt, i dine egne gjerninger har du nu dit alt. Dette ligger i disse ord: “Men jeg har imot dig at du har forlatt din første kjerlighet. Kom derfor ihu hvad du er falden ifra.”

mot Gud. Gir du litt til misjonen og de fattige, saa er du en stor menneskevelgjører. Til og med synder og feil kan du gjøre til dyder, naar det er DU som har dem. Slik blir gjerlighet til sparsommelighet. Egensindighet til karakterstyrke, stolthet til ærekjærhet. Ja, selv den aapenbart lastefulle har tusen undskyldninger for sine laster. Og om han ikke kan nekte dem, saa tror han at uten dem ville han være en ren engel. Alt dette flyter fram av hovmodets kilde, fra selvophøyelsen. Og lønnen for denne er den fornedrelse som venter djevelen og hans engler.

Kjære leser—stig ned fra dine innbilde høyseter og se deg selv i Jesu lys. Da vil du forstaa hvilken forferdelig sjelesott du gaar og bærer paa, og at du trenger til helbredelse av Jesus hvis du skal unngaa selvophøyselsens fornedrelse—den evige død. I sannhetens lys blir du hjelpeløs som den vattersottige og lenges etter helbredelse.

Men da er ogsaa Jesu nær med sin frelse. Hans helbredende kraft i Ordet og sakramentene skal kjennes for deg som dengang Jesus tok paa den vattersottige og helbredet ham.

I Jesu naades rene luft dør hovmodet. Og tilsist skal han si til deg, “Venn, sett deg høyere op.” Stig op fra jordens dunkle dal til de himmelske høgder, fra ditt smertefulle sykeleie, din alderdoms svakhet til hjemmet deroppe hvor Gud vil tørke bort hver taare. Op fra likbaare og grav til ærens krans og krone.

H. Arnholt Strand.

## EN HILSEN TIL HYRDENS LESEKRETS

Blev mindet om at sende nogen ord til Hyrden da det igrunnen er saa faa meddelelser fra de forskjellige menigheter. Hyrden skulde jo vere et bindeled, saa vi burde gjøre mere bruk av vor ret og sende ind rapporter. Her er vi foruten prest nu, men alligevel har Guds ord veret forkyndt til veiledning of frelse nu i vakansen.

Religionskole har blit holdt paa flere pladser i menigheten og fremmøte av barna har veret over al forventning. Gud give den sed som blev saaet maa vokse frem til evigt liv. Saa har vi hørt evangeliet av Ole Barnes. Han holdt teltmøter her i over to uker og maa si det var en velsignet tid. Møterne var godt besøkt, de troende blev styrket og flere unge modtok frelsen i Kristus. Barnes er en ivrig arbeider. Foruten de almindelige aftnemøter gjorde han husbesøk, delte ut traktater og holdt møter for barna hver formiddag da han er en stor barneven. Ja jeg tror evangeliet blev mest sunget ind i barnehjertene.

Vort bønnemne nu i menigheten er at Gud vil sende os en prest som kan lede menigheten ind i et sundt kristelig spor saa vi ikke skal igjen bli liggende i død vandet.

Det er noksaa rart ogsaa, her har evangeliet blit forkyndt klart og rent i mange aar, og allikevel er det saa mange som ikke liker at høre om vekelse men heller legger hindringer iveien for arbeidet.

Vi trenger nok en gjennombribende landsvekkelse inden vore menigheter. Vi ser jo klart at tiden viser vi nærmer os slutten av denne tids husholdning. Menneskesønner kommer i den time I ikke venter.

Maa da Gud velsignebaade redaktøren og Hyrdens lesere.

Mrs. T. E. Anderson, Bawlf, Alta.

## I Brennpunktet

Er Din Tillit RETT?

Verdslige mennesker har ofte liten respekt for folk som gaar flittig i kirke og til bønnemøter. Hva kommer det av? Mange mennesker som mener de er personlige kristne, har den slappe tillitsfullhet som tror og saa ikke gidder gjøre mer.

Er det ikke griktig at vaar tillit til Gud altfor ofte har vært en tillit i hodet og ikke i hjertet? Men den som for alvaar har tillit til Gud og det han har sagt i sitt ord, vil uvægerlig kjenne det som sin hellige plikt aa ta konsekvensene av sin kristne erkjennelse, Han vil ikke bare ta til seg ordet om syndenes forlatelse, om frelse og fred. Nei, han vil ogsaa følge den marsjordre Gud gir til alle sine barn: “Gaa ut i all verden . . .”

Har du sann tillit til Gud saa blir du en tillitsmann. Det vil si en kristen som baade Gud og mennesker kan regne med, en som er aa stole paa i alle ting og under alle forhold. En som tar Jesu befaling alvaarlig og som vaager noe og setter noe inn tid, penger og velvære paa aa tjene Gud blant sine medmennesker.

Det gaar tydelig fram av Skriftens ord at hvis kristen tillit er ekte saa virker den ogsaa kristen aktivitet. Hos profeten Jeremias, kap. 17, 7-8 staar det skrevet: “Velsignet er den mann som stoler paa Herren. Og hvis tillit Herren er. Han skal bli lik et tre som er plantet ved vann og skyter sine røtter ut ved en bekk, og som ikke frykter naar heten kommer, men alltid har grønne blad, og som ikke sørger i tørre aar og ikke holder op aa bære frukt.”

Er din tillit til Gud i Jesus Kristus rett, og ikke overfladisk sentimentalitet og selvbedrag saa virker den de Aandens frukter i deg som Paulus skriver om til sine venner i Galatia, Gal. 5:16-24, “Men Aandens frukt er kjærlighet, glede, fred, lamgmodighet, mildhet, godhet, trofasthet, saktmodighet, avholdenhet . . .”

Hvorledes er det med din tillit til Gud? Er den en rett tillit?

H. A. S.

## GULDBRYLLUP

Pastor og Mrs. H. L. Urness blev viet av Pastor Strand den 29de August, 1897, i St. Lukes kirke ved Cottonwood, Minnesota.

Følgende børn lever og var med sine foreldre paa deres guldbryllupsdag, Edgar prest i U.S.A.; Bertha, Albert, Lillian, Harold og Marie, alle i Kanada.

Pastor og Mrs. Urness med familie kom til Canada høsten 1905 har nu sluttet prestegjerningen og er bosat i Calgary.

Vi her i Norønna menighet ved Strassbourg er med Guldbryllupsparret i tankerne paa denne store mindedag og ønsker dem det aller bedste i fremtiden. Vi er sikker paa at det lys som Pastor og Mrs. Urness fik naade til nu, vil vedbli at lyse i lang tid.

Vi ønsker Guds fred over bryllupsdagen og arbeidets virke i femti aar. For livet som tendtes i nødens stund Skal Gud ha æren for ordets seier. Dog fagreste høitids fest ringes ud Naar alle en høstmorgen mødes hos Gud.

—A. J. Fløtre.

Kan ikke djevelen forhindre et menneskes omvendelse, saa forsøker han aa friste ham til aa ha nok i aa ha gjennomlevd en omvendelseshistorie en gang. Og denne siste fristelse er likesaa dødbringende som den første.



## CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Camrose Lutheran College had its official opening on September 16. The new boys' dormitory and gymnasium was just about ready, although there were some carpenters there to put the finishing touches on after school had started.

This new building is a valuable addition to our school. It also contains two good sized classrooms which will be used for laboratory and typing room.

It will enable us to house all our students on the college grounds. The only other students attending our school will be those whose home is in Camrose or those staying here with close relatives.

The new gymnasium will be a great blessing to our school. For a school that has been in operation for 35 years without a gymnasium, any "gym" would be appreciated. The size of this room is 57 to 33 by 18 feet. It can also be used for auditorium purposes. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to the finishing of this building.

The enrolment this year is about the same as last year, 130. We expect a good year and ask you to remember our school, students and teachers in prayer.

## ZION LUTHER LEAGUE—LE ROY

Sunday afternoon, August 10, about twenty Leaguers from Zion L.L. went to Kandahar where we held a program consisting of topics, poems, and musical selections. We, at Le Roy, sincerely hope and pray for an exchange program from a group from Kandahar. Plans for this exchange program were discussed at this program.

—Contributed.

LUTHER LEAGUE RALLY DAY  
Wetaskiwin

The L.L. Rally Day was held Sunday, August 10, at Wetaskiwin. The rally theme was: "You Need Jesus Christ"—based on Romans 12:1-2.

Rev. E. O. Walker introduced the theme: "You Need Jesus Christ" at the morning service.

The afternoon service took the form of a panel discussion. Topics were taken by the following: H. Edenloff, Nelvin Thronson, Sinclair Philips, Eric Pedersen, Karen Arntson, Morris Leiren, Jean Lyseng, Thelma Tunem.

Several young people gave stirring testimonies after the evening service. Thelma Skaret presented her report on the Milwaukee convention. Mrs. Spelrem gave a reading "Story of a Song." Musical numbers were enjoyed at each of the three sessions. An offering was taken for the "Faith in Action Project" at the evening service.

Our rally was a real success. Representatives came from most of the locals. God richly blessed the Word spoken and sung and the fellowship was enjoyed.

—T. Lyseng.

## Christian Marriage

There is a need today of truly Christian homes. Make a home in love, first to God, and, second, to each other. God intended marriage to be permanent. The family altar is as old as the Bible itself. Need for family devotion is great today.

Christians should be both seen and heard for Christ.

NOTICE  
Publish Glad Tidings

The Business Manager, Pastor Josef Haave has sent letters to each pastor regarding the reduced price for the Shepherd during the **Month of September**. Make use of the time to secure the Shepherd for **Seventy-five cents**. The rest of the year it is one dollar.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

LUTHER S. OLSON, Editor, Camrose, Alberta

## THE LUTHERAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

By now Colleges, Universities, Normal Schools and Nursing Schools across the country will have opened for another fall term. Among the thousands of students that have joined the trek to the cities and larger towns are many Lutheran young people, some of whom will be leaving their Christian homes for the first time.

No doubt such a situation is harder for the Christian student than the non-Christian. Why not? He has more to leave behind. But the Christian student also has more to look forward to. He alone can enjoy the comfort of living at peace with his Savior, and he alone can experience the joy of fellowship with other Christian students.

The Lutheran Student Association works to assist students to make their readjustment and to continue their life in Christ. Every Lutheran student in every institution of higher learning in America is welcome to participate in this autonomous movement of Christian students. Consider its aims:

1. To stimulate and sustain students in using the Bible privately and in groups, in prayer, in regular Church attendance, and in frequent reception of Holy Communion.
2. To encourage students in the study and appreciation of the Church's message and in loyal participation in the Church's work by personal activities and gifts.
3. To develop healthy social life and strong Christian friendship.
4. To develop a conscious need of Christ in facing modern life and problems.
5. To build up a national and international fellowship of Lutheran students.
6. To co-operate in holding intercollegiate conferences in order to assist students on every campus to accomplish those aims.

In the pursuance of these aims, the Lutheran Student Association merits the support of every Christian student.

L S A locals are active at the following institutions in Western Canada:

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Man.

Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask.

University of Saskatchewan, including the Lutheran College and Seminary and Luther Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Sask.

Camrose Lutheran College, Camrose, Alta.

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta.

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Students are urged to make a resolution for the New Year that they will assist the L S A in its important work. Work and pray for the L S A.

—Contributed.

## BACK FROM MILWAUKEE

The following resumes of the addresses given at the Milwaukee convention were submitted to me by Miss Stella Holland, Camrose. The thoughts expressed by the various speakers are worthy of your prayerful attention.—Ed.

You Need Jesus Christ—  
To Be With God

Pastor Oscar C. Hanson

Man is on the march. Life is a short journey. Everyone you meet on the street is on the march. Every man faces an inevitable forever. Where Death finds you Eternity will leave you. The only thing that can keep a human soul away from God is sin. Not Jesus plus yourself, but Jesus

alone. He is the means to God forever. The Christians have not had a vision of forever, only a glimpse of forever.

The Christian church is anemic. Right across every human you meet on the street is written "Forever"—or millions in heathen lands. Will you write forever across your talents, your life? Some day you have to give account for those talents. Count for eternity! Save souls forever. Will you write forever over your bank account? Pray for vision of eternity. What has been beautiful and pure in this world will be multiplied a million.

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You Need Jesus Christ—  
For Power in Prayer

Pastor Eugene Stime, Lutheran Bible Institute, Seattle, Wash.

The biggest business in the world is the Lord's work. The most important work in the Kingdom of God is to pray. The devil gains ground every time he can keep one from prayer. We need young men and women who dare to put into practice the art of prayer. There is a super-human task to do, but He who sends them out equips them with super-human power which is prayer.

God extended His hand so low that man could reach it. One life to live cannot be half alive doing the chores of a midget. Because you do not pray you are not inclined. Get the spirit of prayer. Uncross your fingers, fold your hands and bend your knees, ask great things of God. The greatest work in the Kingdom of God is prayer.

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## You Need God's Word

Dr. Alfred Kunz, New York, National Director Pocket Testament League of America.

We need God's Word for guidance, for heavenly wisdom. Take instruction from God's Word. Consistent daily reading. Let it reign as well as dwell in our hearts.

For the rest of the soul—to have some precious promises on which to pillow your head. Hide God's Word in your heart not only your pocket. There is need for consistent testimony of our young people and it will only be effective as we read the Word. Not only a privilege but a duty. If you are not fishing, you're not following. Hold fast the faithful Word and hold forth the Word of Life to others.

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## Forward With Christ in My Luther League

Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker.

Time is running out and running out swiftly. You who are young must face the evil forces of today. Christ is the only hope for a world lost in its awful sin. No going forward unless you entrust your future entirely to Him who is still Jesus Christ. The world needs Jesus Christ though they may deny it. Through Christ a force has been let loose in the world.

God is completely able to heal the world and the only business you have is to bring God there. In Him there is Light and Life. Courage to live, courage to die. Confess our convictions, no matter what we have to go through.

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## The Chinese Need Jesus Christ

Pastor Wee Ying, Sinyang-Honan

For eight years the Chinese suffered exceeding great hardships. The greatest need of Chinese is a knowledge of Jesus Christ. If we do not have Jesus we have nothing. One thing needful is the gospel of Jesus Christ. That He would open the spiritual eyes of the Chinese.

How many of the Chinese people believe in Jesus? Jesus preached to the multitude and had compassion on them. The gospel has been in many places but since there are many idols.

We see many people prostrate themselves before the idols, and there are many young people. We Chinese need Jesus Christ. Paul saw the people given to idolatry, now the people must be stirred when they see the Chinese. Come to China where many of my countrymen need your help.

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## China Calls

Pastor Fauske, Luther League Evangelist for China (response to Pastor Wee Ying).

It is a privilege to be used of God—sinful and unworthy as we are. Consider seriously a field of service in the heathen lands. Their greatest need is Jesus Christ.

PRINCE ALBERT CIRCUIT  
L. L. CONVENTION

"You Need Jesus Christ" was indelibly written upon our hearts and minds at our L.L. convention August 7-10 in Bethel Lutheran Church at South Star.

Pastor M. S. Johnson conducted the first two evening sessions, bringing inspiring messages on our L.L. theme. Pastor Johnson also shared many vital truths in his Bible Studies on Psalm 51 and Hebrews 10. The cry of the awakened sinner can only be satisfied in Jesus Christ, the offering for sin.

Eight Leaguers gave five topics on the three main topics: "You Need Jesus Christ:

1. To Live With God.
2. To Live For God.
3. To Pray To God.

Friday afternoon students of S.L. B.I. gave a program and an offering was taken for the work of their school.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Johan Hesje, Crooked River; vice-president, Richard Hettrick, Gronlid; recording secretary, Lenore Arestad, Prince Albert; corresponding secretary, Lucille Hagen, Hagen; treasurer, Harvey Gjesdal, Brancepeth; P.T.L. secretary, Alice Hanson, Bayley.

Saturday evening a P.T.L. program and weiner roast was enjoyed. Victor Johnson, P.T.L. secretary, was in charge.

At the closing day of our convention Leaguers were privileged to partake of the Lord's Supper. The local pastor, J. S. Stolee, conducted the morning service with Pastor M. B. Odland of Weldon, preaching the sermon. In the afternoon the choral union, under the direction of Mr. O. K. Jacobson, sang two groups of songs.

The closing message Sunday evening was given by Student Pastor Arnold Hagen. "Neither is there salvation in any other for there is no other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

Our convention closed as many of our leaguers testified of what Christ has meant to them and of their willingness to "Go where He wants them to go." May we ever hold high our L.L. motto: "To Hold and to Win Young People for Christ."

—Ruth Haugen. Contributed.

SESSIONS ATTENDED AT  
CONVENTION  
Should I Be a Soul Winner?

Christ Himself was a soul winner. Such a tremendous need. Many Christians but such a drought of soul winners. The Bible speaks well of soul winners. Take pride in introducing Him to others. Have a genuine interest in people. Talking to God about souls, something God understands and appreciates.

He who is heaven bound must be heaven born.